



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Security Software for the AS/400 to SafeStone Technologies, Inc. (\$15,000)

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2001

SUBMITTED BY: Information Systems Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of security software for the AS/400 to SafeStone, Technology, Inc.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The AS400 computer is utilized in the Finance Department primarily for the utility billing system and for the financial systems software. In an effort to enhance access to information, staff is recommending that the departments be able to securely access the data maintained by Finance via the Wide Area Network. With the City having stated its long-term intention to make use of the Internet for constituent services, an entire new set of security issues needs to be addressed prior to implementation. In order to provide the access, it is critical that security measures be applied to prevent unauthorized access to the data.

Staff evaluated the pros and cons of writing the programs to provide the needed security using IBM's security features. It was easily determined that the time necessary to develop the programs in-house far exceeded the cost of purchasing the software from a third party.

Staff subsequently reviewed proposals from four vendors and evaluated the costs and benefits of each system. Based on cost, basic functionality, ease of use, user ID control, auditing features, and additional functionality, staff is recommending SafeStone Technologies, Inc. with the following costs:

- A one time cost of \$13,000 plus tax
- An annual maintenance cost of approximately \$2,200 per year.

Once the software is acquired, it will be configured and implemented and will assist in securing the data from unauthorized users, both internal and external. The key to good security is being proactive because reactive is too late.

APPROVED: _____

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager



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FUNDING: 1211359.1831.2275

Respectfully,

Stan Helmle
Information Systems Manager

Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

cc: Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

APPROVED: _____

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING
PURCHASE OF SECURITY SOFTWARE FOR THE AS/400

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WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code, §3.20.070, authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the AS/400 computer is utilized in the Finance Department primarily for the utility billing system and for the financial systems software; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to enhance access to information, staff is recommending that the departments be able to securely access the data maintained by Finance via the Wide Area Network; and

WHEREAS, with the City having a long-term intention to make use of the Internet for constituent services, an entire new set of security issues needs to be addressed prior to implementation; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the access, security measures need to be applied to prevent unauthorized access to the data; and

WHEREAS, staff has determined that the time necessary to develop the security programs in-house far exceed the cost of purchasing the software from an outside source; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed proposals from four vendors and have evaluated the costs and benefits of each system, and based on cost, ease of use, user ID control, auditing features, and functionality, staff recommends purchasing the Security Software from SafeStone Technologies, Inc. at the following costs:

- 1) A one time cost of \$13,000 plus tax; and
- 2) An annual maintenance cost of approximately \$2,200 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby approves the purchase of Security Software for the AS/400 from SafeStone Technologies, Inc., in the approximate amount of \$15,000.00.

Dated: January 17, 2001

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2001-03 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held January 17, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and Mayor Nakanishi

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk